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REFINERY AT BHATINDA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commissioning of refinery at Bhatinda has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed/commissioned; and

(d) what will be the cost overrun and time overrun of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The refinery project at Bathinda (Punjab) was to be set up by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) keeping in view the incentives granted by Government of Punjab (GOP) to the project. In respect of these incentives, HPCL had sought a Deed of Assurance (DOA) from the State Government. The work on the project was kept on hold as the conclusion of DOA was awaited. GOP have now agreed to grant the incentives in a mutually acceptable form. Accordingly, HPCL intend to take up the refinery project on formally concluding the DOA with GOP.

(c) The refinery is likely to be commissioned in 2009.

(d) While there will be no cost overrun, the refinery as of now has been delayed by more than two years.